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~~BACKLEY  
LOWER COURT  
ST. MARK'S CHURCH~~

Hill Crest

Saturday

Dearest Elsie

Thank you so much for  
your card. Of course you must  
not try to come down here. You  
are far too busy & the weather  
is really rather bad.

I had been looking forward  
enormously to seeing you but it  
cannot be helped, better luck  
next time perhaps.

I could wish that this holiday  
was nearer to you but it is  
just as well, for your sake,  
that it is not! We shall hope

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to get up here again in the  
spring. Meanwhile I hope

that you will have  
a very happy Christmas, it will be  
at home I suppose.

I began to write down some memories  
of Miss M<sup>a</sup> enjoyed throwing myself  
back but the result is of no use  
to you - or to anyone but myself.  
It is much more the effect Miss  
Mason had upon my youth than  
an account of Miss Mason! I wrote  
to FTF to suggest that she might  
be able to do what you want.  
She replies that Alice Burn would  
be the right person to ask.  
(Alice Gates? That was). Just in case  
you do not know her present  
address I enclose it. I thought  
back & discovered that my own  
first contact was in 1887 when  
Miss Mason came to speak to

as at Mrs. Flammings' school  
she started me on a course of  
reading even then & I imagine  
that she had the same  
influence upon most of those  
with whom she came in contact.  
So definite & clear was it that,  
as I wrote my own memories,  
I found myself back again  
with her impact upon my own  
young mind so fresh that I  
afterwards read what I had  
written with surprise, it does  
not read as my own at all.  
I never had any opportunity  
to tell you how much I did



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appreciate your kindness  
last Sunday - all that long  
balk in the rain! I have  
managed to get outside the  
cottage today - Oh the  
'scurmptions'! smell of the wet  
earth - But no birds here,  
only one robin!

Many Thanks

Yr yours lovingly

Lydia

Mrs Burn

Hyde Court

Chalford Glos.